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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: STB Ex Parte No. 670
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Re: Ex Parte No. 670, Establishment of the Rail Energy Transportation
Advisory Committee

Dear Secretary Williams:

I am writing to support the nomination of Dan Kuehn of the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to serve as a member of the Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) to be established by the Surface Transportation Board (STB).

Dan serves as Executive Manager of Wholesale Power Services for LCRA. As part of its mission, LCRA operates a not-for-profit electric system that exists to serve the wholesale electric needs of its Texas consumers. LCRA provides wholesale electric service to more than 40 municipalities and electric cooperatives, providing electricity for more than 1 million people in Central Texas.

The majority of my congressional district is served by public power. In fact, LCRA provides wholesale electricity to eight cities and electric cooperatives in my district. I have been very impressed with LCRA's ability to provide affordable, reliable service to Central Texas customers.

A significant amount of LCRA's power is generated by coal. LCRA co-owns and operates the Fayette Power Project (FPP) with Austin Energy. FPP burns approximately 6.5 tons of coal a year. The main fuel source is coal from the Powder River Basin of Wyoming which is delivered by rail. Dan has been involved in the procurement of reliable and cost-effective energy transportation

services for over 25 years and, given his knowledge and expertise of the issues, he is uniquely qualified to serve as a member of RETAC.

I am pleased to recommend Dan Kuehn for RETAC. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael T. McCaul". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. The first name "Michael" is written in a larger, more prominent script, followed by "T." and "McCaul".

Congressman Michael McCaul